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SUBJ: JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENT FOR ZAMBIA AS REQUESTED
BY JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED BY POUCH FROM UNITED STATES EUROPEAN
COMMAND A PROPOSED COUNTRY ANNEX FOR ZAMBIA DATED JULY 11.
ACCORDING TO THE CHOERING INSTRUCTIONS THIS ANNEX WILL BE
INCLUDED IN THE JOINT STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENT (JSPD).
THIS DOCUMENT IS DESCRIBED AS CONSTITUTING "THE PRINCIPAL
MILITARY ADVICE PROVIDED BY THE JCS TO THE SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE." AMONG OTHER INFORMATION, IT "PROVIDES A RECOM-
MENDATION OF MID RANGE FREE WORLD MAJOR OBJECTIVE FORCE
LEVELS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE US NATIONAL SECURITY OBJECTIVES
AND U.S. MILITARY OBJECTIVES DERIVED THEREFROM." THE
EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE REQUESTED BY
JULY 27. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS DOCUMENT HAS
BEEN COORDINATED WITH STATE.

2. WE FIND THE STATEMENT OF U.S. STRATEGIC INTERESTS AS
EXPRESSED IN THE ANNEX OF DUBIOUS VALIDITY. FOR EXAMPLE,
ZAMBIA IS STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT TO THE U.S. BECAUSE :
"(A) IT EXERCISES A MODERATING INFLUENCE; (B) IT DISCOURAGES
THE SPREAD OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES."
WE ALSO QUESTION THE CONCEPT THAT THE U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
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HAVE OBJECTIVES FOR ZAMBIA'S MILITARY FORCES. THIS IS ESPECIALLY
TRUE WHEN THESE OBJECTIVES INCLUDE "ASSIST IN OBTAINING NECESSARY
RIGHTS, ACCESS TO STRATEGIC MINERAL RESOURCES, AUTHORIZATIONS
AND FACILITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR U.S. AND ALLIED INTERESTS."
WE ALSO QUESTION WHETHER WE HAVE AS A GOVERNMENT MADE THE
DECISION TO "PROMOTE MILITARY CONTACTS WITH U.S. AND OTHER
WESTERN AND PRO-WESTERN COUNTRIES," OR "MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT

ARMED STRENGTH, ASSISTED WITH MATERIEL FROM WESTERN NATIONS,
TO DETER A CONVENTIONAL ATTACK AND MAINTAIN INTERNAL DEFENSE."

3. WE DOUBT THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE EMBASSY'S RESPONDING
DIRECTLY TO USEUCOM ON MILITARY RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA
GIVEN THE OBVIOUS POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THE QUESTION AND
ITS RAMIFICATIONS FOR FUTURE US-ZAMBIA RELATIONS. BEFORE
PROVIDING EMBASSY COMMENTS TO USEUCOM, WHICH WOULD ENTAIL
A MAJOR REWRITE JOB, WE BELIEVE THE USEUCOM DOCUMENT
SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS
ESPECIALLY TRUE GIVEN RECENT ZAMBIAN INTEREST IN MILITARY
ASSISTANCE AND THE FORMATIVE STATE OF OUR RESPONSE TO
THAT REQUEST. GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED.
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